GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1417
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SMUGGLING FROM BANGLADESH BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to recent floods in West Bengal, fencing along the Bangladesh border has been washed away and smuggling activities have increased thereafter; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for fencing the affected area?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D SWAMI)

(a): Border fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh Border has been damaged extensively at many places due to recent floods in West Bengal. No increase in smuggling activities has been reported.

(b): Sanction has been accorded to reconstruct the damaged portion of fencing.